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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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	Attorney Docket No.	129955/11854 (21635-0122)
	First Inventor	SHAMBLEN et al.
	Title	PRODUCING NICKEL-BASE, COBALT-BASE, IRON-BASE, IRON-NICKEL-BASE, OR IRON-NICKEL-COBALT-BASE ALLOY ARTICLES BY REDUCTION OF NONMETALLIC PRECURSOR COMPOUNDS AND MELTING
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 770)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	26	-20 **	= 6	X 18 = 108
Independent Claims	2	-3 **	= 0	X 86 = 0
Multiple Dependent			X	= 0

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 108)

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		1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	420	Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	950	Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	Petition to revive – unintentional	
		1501	1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		1502	480	Design issue fee	
		1503	640	Plant issue fee	
		1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
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		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
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		1810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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6. Declaration (1 copy of executed originals, 2 pages)
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8. NASA Declaration (1 copy of executed originals, 4 pages)
9. Power of Attorney (1 copy of executed originals, 4 pages)
10. Assignment Recordation Form
11. Assignment (1 copy of executed originals, 5 pages)
12. Information Disclosure Statement
13. PTO/SB/08
14. References Cited (1 Foreign)

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